

Title: MVP (Makes Value Possible)

Text:

- **1 Peter 2:17:** *Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the Emperor.*
- **2 Corinthians 8:21:** *For we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man.*

Target: We live in a culture void of honor. Value is often associated with power, prestige, performance, possessions and anything else that is considered popular. Therefore, the Kingdom of Jesus challenges a cultural mindset of what is considered honorable by deeming value to all people, not just a select few.

Teaching Points:

1. **The Principle of Honor:**

- Meaning:** To put value to something, to recognize it as precious and worthy of respect. **Antonym** - To dishonor is to treat something as common, ordinary and of no value.
- Motive: Honor** is not something you strive to get, but seek to give, creating not just a title, but a testimony.
- Majesty:** *"Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and **Honor** and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."* (Revelation 7:12)
- Miracle:** *"Both riches and **Honor** come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all."* (1 Chronicles 29:12)

2. **The Promise in Honor:**

- Command:** *"**Honor** your father and mother so that you'll live a long time in the land that God, your God, is giving you."* (Exodus 20:12- MSG)
- Concept: Honor** towards (**physical authority**) was to be learned at an early age for the purpose of producing **honor** towards (**invisible authority**).
- Crisis:** Many of the children of Israel didn't make it into the land God had promised, because they lacked **honor**. (Hebrews 3:19)
- Consideration: Honor** ushers in the miraculous! (Mark 6:1-6, Luke 7:9)

3. **The Pathway to Honor:**

- Mandated:** *"Respect to whom respect is owed, **honor** to whom honor is owed."* (Romans 13:7)
- Demonstrated:** *"Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act **honorably** in all things."* (Hebrews 13:18)

- c. **Initiated:** *“Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing **honor**.”* (Romans 12:10)
- d. **Consecrated:** *“that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor”* (1 Thessalonians 4:4)

Take Away: To honor does not mean we accept blindly everything people do or say without challenge. It simply means we esteem people as being created in the image of God and by choosing to honor them, we glorify God, thus bringing Him honor.